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BOOK REVIEW

A guide to common moths of the Adelaide region by P. B. McQuillan and J. A. Forrest. 52 pages including 15 pages of plates. South Australian Museum, Adelaide. Published November 1985.

It is always pleasing to see a well-written identification guide on Australian moths. This small but valuable book is one to be recommended to all interested in moths, especially to moth collectors and field naturalists. 114 species are illustrated (64 in colour) and a corresponding text for each species summarises its range, flight period, life history, food plants and other points of particular interest for that species. In addition there is a brief Introduction which discusses subjects such as life history, strategies for survival, seasonality and collecting. The entire text is supplemented by references to further reading for those who wish to delve deeper into the subject; 40 key references are listed in the Bibliography. There is also a Glossary, a list of larval foods and an Index.

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